stabilisation of abandoned waterlogged coalfields workings.

With a view to solving the problem of subsidence and fire in Raniganj and Jharia coalfields in a comprehensive manner, a Committee has been constituted with Secretary (Coal) as the Chairman and representatives of Planning Commission, Ministry of Labour, Govt. of West Bengal and Bihar, DGMS, CIL, CMPDI and BCCL as members.

Production of coal in the country

134. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the full details of the total production of coal in the country during the year 1995-96 and so far in 1996-97;

(b) the target fixed for the production of coal during the year 1996-97; and

(c) steps being taken by Government to achieve the target fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The details of coal production in the country during 1995-96 and 1996-97 (upto January, 1997) and the target fixed for the production of coal during the year 1996-97 are as under:—

(million tonnes)

Company	1995-96	1996-97 (April—Jan.) (Provisional)	Target 1996-97
Coal India Ltd. (CIL)	237.28	197.86	252.00
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL)	26.77	21.91	30.20
Others (TISCO, IISCO & DVC)	6.08	5.05	6.45
TOTAL	270.13	224.82	288.65

(c) Steps taken to achieve the target for 1996-97 include expediting early completion of projects under implementation, re-organisation of existing mines and setting up of infrastructural facilities. The CIL has also been restructured in order to render it financially strong.

Private and foreign investment into non-captive coal mining

135. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow private and foreign investment into non-captive coal mining;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the foreign investment in non-captive mining is intended to give boost to setting up of new coal-based plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government have subject to legislative changes, decided to offer new coal

blocks, without the restriction on coal mining for captive consumption only to the Indian Companies including Public Sector Companies on the basis of competitive bidding. Such companies in the private sector could have appropriate level of foreign equity. The successful bidder will be free to sell coal in the open market.

(c) The basic objectives of the above mentioned decision of the Government are to augment investment in coal mining and to improve its efficiency. It is expected that such investments will lead to setting up of coal based power plants. Foreign investment, if received will help in this effort.

कोयले का आयात

136. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश में कोयले का उत्पादन इसकी खपत के अनुरूप किया जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान उत्पादित कोयले और कोयले की खपत की कुल मात्रा का ग्रेड-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या विदेशों से भी कोयले का आयात किया गया है यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) किस-किस ग्रेड के कोयले का, किस दर पर और किन-किन व्यक्तियों द्वारा आयात किया गया; और

(ङ) गत पांच वर्षों के दौरान प्रत्येक वर्ष में कोयले की कितनी मात्रा में आयात किया गया और उस पर कुल कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा व्यय की गई?

कोयला मंत्रालय की राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कांति सिंह): (क) और (ख) देश जबकि अधिकांशत: अकोककर कोयले के मामले में आत्मनिर्भर है, कोककर कोयले की मांग की तुलना में इसकी उपलब्धता में कुछ कमी विद्यमान है। वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान को०इं०लि० से हुआ कोयले का उठान तथा हुए ग्रेड-वार कोयले के उत्पादन को नीचे दर्शाया गया है:—

(लाख टन में)
(अंकड़ा अनंतिम)

ग्रेड	उत्पादन	उठान
कोककर कोयला		
एस०सी०-1/ए	1.34	1.31
डब्लू०जी०-I	0.90	1.14
डब्लू०जी०-II	0.58	0.35
डब्लू० जी०-III	21.68	18.82
डब्लू०जी०-IV	2.71	2.75
एस०-I	2.96	2.96
एस०-II	8.30	8.06
डब्लू-I	20.50	20.54
डब्लू-II	28.33	28.83
डब्लू-III	68.82	69.26
डब्लू-IV	74.50	79.11
एस०एल०वी०	1.68	1.47
मेड (मेट) डब्लू०सी०एल०	6.82	6.91
मेड (नान-मेट)डब्लू०सी०एल०	0.73	1.69
एस०सी०-I (कोककर) सा०ई०को०लि०	1.58	1.39
जोड़:	241.43	244.59
एन० एल० डब्लू० कोयला		
एन०एल०डब्लू०-I	0.00	0.00
एन०एल०डब्लू०-II	0.00	0.00
एन०एल०डब्लू०-III	5.45	7.65
एन०एल०डब्लू०-IV	99.44	98.50
जोड़ एन०एल०डब्लू० कोयला	104.89	106.15
जोड़ कोककर	346.32	350.74
अ-कोककर		
ए०	47.59	55.95
बी०	202.22	208.39
सी०	461.78	447.21
डी०	292.04	300.78
ई०	318.14	324.80
एफ०	704.63	705.15
जोड़ अ-कोककर	2026.40	2042.28
समग्र को०इं०लि०	2372.72	2393.02